

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
April 14, 2005

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 14, 2005.

The following members were present: Mr. Napoleon Moore, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. George Walker and Ms. Veldore Young. *Members Absent:* Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. Lawrence Warren and Mrs. Brenda Yonge

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mr. Ray Smith and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guest present: Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

After welcoming everyone present, Mr. Walker asked Dr. Stonecypher to report on legislative matters. Dr. Stonecypher began commending those who worked diligently at the Capitol for their accomplishments. Legislation was approved to modify the definition of legal residency of students; also approved was a bill that we worked closely with IHL clarifying the residence status of spouses and children of military personnel on active duty. Dr. Stonecypher and Dr. Bradberry reviewed several other bills that were passed during the regular session. Unfortunately, the regular session closed without the legislature coming to an agreement for the budgets of the community colleges and the SBCJC. We are still working to have "line item" restrictions to our funding bill deleted, and will know more when the legislature goes into Special Session, which is expected sometime in May.

Dr. Bradberry stated that due to the retirement of Mr. Dale Lewis at Holmes Community College, the Board is required to name a replacement to the Insurance Advisory Council on which he served. Dr. Bradberry stated that Mrs. Deborah Gilbert would make an excellent representative to the Council and will recommend that she fill the vacancy to the full Board at the meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Ray Smith, Director of Technology at the SBCJC, which is under Dr. Larry Day's leadership as part of the Division for Accountability and Technology, was asked to give an overview of the services the technology department provides to the SBCJC and the community/junior colleges. The vision statement for the Technology Department is to be valued for innovation, leadership, and excellence in information technology through commitment to effective partnerships and high quality services to its customers.

Mr. Smith explained networking between the community colleges and the SBCJC. Responsibilities of the technology area include **Application Services** (Application Hosting, Shared Services, Systems Support, Mail & Print); **Networks & Security** (WAN / LAN Management, Wan / LAN Support, Security Administration); **Issue Resolution** (Help Desk, Desktop Support, Virus Control, Spam Filtering); **Policies, Standards**

(Open Standards, Enterprise Architecture, Security); and **IT Planning** (Strategic Planning, Customer Outreach).

Major projects of the Technology area include Wide Area Network (WAN), Local Area Network (LAN), Security issues, Applications/Intranet, Training, Partnerships, Technology Committees, the Technology Budget, and hosting the Creating Futures Conference on alternate years.

Dr. Bradberry reported on the P-20 initiative, which is a group made up of representatives from the State Department of Education, the SBCJC and Institutions of Higher Learning. Dr. Bradberry serves as a member, along with Mr. Jason Pugh and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert. The group has met in the past to study ways to improve all areas of education by working together. One project that the group will look into at their next meeting is the electronic transfer of transcripts between the three (3) entities.

Dr. Stonecypher reported on another issue that came up during the recent (regular) legislative session, regarding a bond bill that had generated some publicity. The SBCJC office was contacted by a former director of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management at the Department of Finance and Administration, who asked us to purchase software that would allow inventory and history information regarding the community college campuses. Dr. Stonecypher stated that due to the shortage of funding he felt that this was not a possibility and was informed that an attempt to get the money from the legislature might be pursued. At that time, Dr. Stonecypher informed the individual that he would need to contact Dr. Muse. A bond bill then appeared with funding of \$1,000,000 for the SBCJC to purchase an Electronic Inventory System, which was not requested or endorsed by the SBCJC or MACJC.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert briefly reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

1. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for March 31, 2005, from Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,156,888.95 and from Fund 4110 in the amount of \$50,444.45, for a combined total of \$2,207,333.40, shown as "Finance Attachment 1" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes.
2. Purchasing approvals for computer equipment from Venture Technologies in the amount of \$23,491, shown as "Finance Attachment 2a" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes; payment in the amount of \$10,000 to Venture Publications, Inc., for *Mississippi NEXT: A Guide to Life After High School*, a publication provided to high school students, shown as "Finance Attachment 2b" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes; and payment to Plato Learning, Inc. for renewal of 400 Plato Software Licenses for Adult Education in the amount of \$45,000, shown as "Finance Attachment 2c" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes.

Dr. Stonecypher reminded the Board that his daughter works for Plato as a curriculum coordinator for seven states (Mississippi is not one of them); therefore, she will not benefit from this purchase.

3. Dr. Larry Day presented the Quarterly Capital Improvements Report, shown as "Financial Attachment 3" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes.
4. Financial Statements from Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of March 31, 2005,

shown as "Finance Attachment 4" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes.

5. FY 2007 Budget Requests for Support and Administration. Mrs. Gilbert asked that the Board let her know of anything that they would like to add or delete from either budget. See "Finance Attachment 5" of the April 15, 2005, meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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